

Choate Defensive Fire:

From Admin Range to Live-fire Training

By BCT/OSUT POI, The Choate Defensive Fire cadre trains soldiers in the proper use of defensive fire in a deliberate defense. This is currently static firing from an firing line of foxholes.

1 ATB Initiative is to transform the range into a tactical scenario that incorporates:

- **OPORD and Troop Leading Procedures**
- **Occupation of Assembly Area**
- **Squad and individual movement techniques**
- **Crossing danger areas**
- **React to direct and indirect fire**
- **Defense of a battle position (Day/Night)**

Successes: Increased combat realism with training conducted within a tactical training scenario vice a range

Initiatives: Incorporation of 40 rounds blank fire into training. Addition of medic vehicle target and medic troops for fire control discipline. Mission-based training using an OPORD

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1. AA – Move by PLT
 2. Cross Road vic Open Field
 3. Form PLT perimeter
 4. Cross open field
 5. Dog-leg (turn) right
 6. Security Halt (perimeter)
 7. 1 x TM (4 x SIT) cross
 8. Team reacts (live-fire) to ambush
 9. AAR

1x TM (4 x SIT)
moves together

Final AA

2 x SQD - Wedge
separated by time

Security Halt
(2 x SQD)

3.

PLT
ORP

2. LDA – Military Crest
(Not on top of Hill)

2.

Co.
AA

1.

Tactical Footmarch (PLT) RTE